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## Cafe customers allowed to pay what they want

WE'VE all felt like not paying after having a really bad meal.

But now a cafe has told customers they can pay whatever they want all the time.

Naomi Perkins, who opened Naomi's Cafe in Bridge Street, Banbury, in September, said she wanted to see what her customers would pay.

For the past three weeks the cafe has adopted a 'donation' policy and while some might query the business model, Miss Perkins said she has found a "goodness in humanity".

The 29-year-old said the quirky gimmick – which sees customers anonymously put their chosen payment into a cash box – has been a talking point for the new business and has so far worked.

"The characters and reactions you get are priceless," she said.



LEFT:  
Naomi Perkins pours tea for a customer

"We have found it has worked out about right. Some days we are over and some days we are under – people know what to pay really.

"Some people will pay 50p for a full meal and then I have had others who have asked if we get homeless people in and have paid an extra £10 to cover their meals."

Explaining her reason for opening the cafe last September, she said: "I

wanted to make significant changes in my life; I wanted to do something completely unrelated to my job in telemarketing.

"Banbury has a great range of very diverse groups of people and I wanted to have a range of high quality products and be open for everyone."

The cafe hosts events with open mic nights and exhibitions to help bring in a variety of customers.

# GRANTS WILL CUT FUEL BILLS

RESIDENTS can apply for a share of £2.4m to help reduce their energy bills.

Cherwell District Council has released a list of streets that it has said are eligible for a grant towards insulating homes.

It will give one household up to £10,800 towards fully insulating their property.

And a further 580 families could receive up to £6,000 as part of the project.

Earlier this year, the council was one of 14 authorities across the country given money as part of the Green Deal Communities Project fund.

Residents now have just over a week to apply for a share of the cash.

The council will assess each property to see if it is suitable for the insulation.

Tony Iltott, Cherwell District Council's lead member for clean and green services, said: "It is important we all try to reduce our carbon footprint, not just to help the environment but to help our wallets.

"A major way of reducing that is to install energy efficient measures but we appreciate

By Naomi Herring

that although it generates long-term financial benefits, the initial outlay can be expensive."

The one household to receive the maximum grant of £10,800 to fully insulate their home will have to pay up to 10 per cent towards the total cost of the work and agree to act as a show home up to six times during six months.

Those receiving a smaller grant will be required to contribute about a third of the cost of insulation.

Mr Iltott added: "By offering this grant we are giving eligible properties the chance to ease that initial burden with a substantial contribution towards the work."

The council has assessed properties and named eligible streets, which include all terraced houses with solid walls that are typically more costly to insulate.

Applications can be made from properties on Albert Street, Britannia Road, Broad Street, Castle Street, Gatteridge Street,

Grosvenor Road, Grove Street, Marlborough Place, Marlborough Road, Newland Place, Prospect Road, Warwick Road.

A decision will then be made on each application for a grant, following a Green Deal Assessment to ensure insulation is achievable and certain criteria are met.

Applications must be made before Friday, January 16, at greendealcommunities.org.uk



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## InBRIEF

### Train assault: Man re-bailed

■ A 29-year-old man arrested on suspicion of assaulting a train manager on a Chiltern Railways service near Banbury has been re-bailed.

The Birmingham man was arrested following the attack on a Birmingham to London Marylebone service on Saturday, November 22.

British Transport Police said the rail worker was checking tickets "when he became involved in an altercation with a male passenger in the centre carriage of the train".

The suspect was released but is due to answer bail again on Sunday.

### Baby event

■ A CHARITY supporting sick newborn babies and their parents will host a fundraiser at Banbury Town Hall on Saturday, January 31, between 9am and 5pm.

SSNAP will be holding the day of fundraising, known as Finnley's Day, to mark the birthday of Finnley Froude, who died at just four months old in the John Radcliffe Hospital in 2010 after being born very premature, weighing 1lb 4oz.

In its first four years, the event has raised £61,474.13 for intensive and special care baby units in hospitals.

## Walking off the pounds

AFTER feasting over Christmas, these brave ramblers took to the windy woods of Oxfordshire to walk off their extra pounds.

In an annual post-Christmas tradition, Oxfordshire members of The Ramblers organisation took a scenic walk around the Cotswold village of Great Tew on Monday last week.

Wrapped in warm winter clothes, they assembled at the traditional meeting place, the village car park, at 10.15am and walked over the rolling hills.

Organiser Don Manley, a crossword compiler from North Oxford, said: "It's an

annual tradition to get some post-seasonal exercise. This walk takes a nice route over some fields, down some lanes, and it's all against the scenic background of the Cotswolds.

"Then there is a little church where you can stop and have a coffee halfway."

He said the four-mile route was a good way to "break-in" sleepy muscles after Christmas. The group meets up each week throughout the year, normally on a Wednesday.

Non-members are welcome to join but if they come on more than three walks, they are invited to pay the membership fee.



ABOVE: Don Manley, foreground, with walkers, left to right, Louie Armstrong, Emma Thomas, Jane Hulbert, Lin Burton, Wendy Thomas and Greg Burton

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■ Volunteers are wanted to help grit local roads and pavements

# Call for snow wardens

**RESIDENTS in Banbury have been asked to volunteer some of their time to keep roads and pavements free of snow and ice during bad weather.**

The town council is appealing for people to sign up to the Neighbourhood Snow Warden Scheme.

Volunteers will be asked to organise the gritting of roads and pavements in the areas where they live.

Banbury Town Council leader Kieron Mallon said: "Snow wardens will be important and valued members of

By Luke Sproule

the community. They will make our roads, pavements and footpaths safer for everyone throughout the winter, particularly elderly and vulnerably residents who cannot help themselves.

"Wardens will look after roads and footpaths in the town that are not on priority gritting routes, which will

keep the town moving at times when snow and ice could restrict travel to and from schools and shops."

Wardens must have a mobile phone or other access to the internet so they can keep up to date with weather information.

Some 80 people volunteered last year but were rarely called into action because of the mild winter.

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# Hotel Watch launched in Cherwell after Operation Bullfinch

# Hoteliers team up with police to tackle abuse

**HOTELS and police are to hold regular meetings to tackle issues like child sexual exploitation under a new scheme.**

It is hoped the North Oxfordshire Hotel Watch scheme – with meetings every three months – will be rolled out across the county.

It comes after budget hotel Nanford Guest House, in Iffley Road, was used by a gang which abused girls as young as 11.

Thames Valley Police's Operation Bullfinch led to jail sentences totalling 95 years for grooming, drugging and abusing vulnerable girls in May 2013.

Among the 25 hotels in the Cherwell district that has signed up is Banbury's Avonlea Guest House.

Manager Debbie Whitford said: "It's really about having a point of contact with the police.

"It means we can all keep an eye on things and clamp down on any concerns we have.

"It will be open with the police and with each other about what is going on, the sort of people coming in and what to look out for."

Miss Whitford said: "We had a seminar earlier in the year with the police about child sexual exploitation after Operation Bullfinch.

"I think after Bullfinch most of my

**By Alex Wynick**

colleagues would be very wary of exploitation and would pick up on it very quickly."

She added: "What we have been doing up to now is just myself and six other B&Bs getting together over the last few years for lunch every few weeks.

"If we've had troublesome guests who had made a real mess of a room or left without paying, then we can say 'Watch out for this person, they are not welcome' so other people don't have the same problems."

Police Inspector Katrina Hibbert said: "My hope is that Hotel Watch will help us to build closer relationships with the hotel industry, which will help to identify offences and, most importantly, protect vulnerable people."

Cherwell and West Oxfordshire area commander Supt Kath Lowe added: "Hotel Watch is a great idea.

"Not only will it allow us to work more closely with hoteliers, but it could also disrupt offending and prevent child sexual exploitation in our area.

"If Hotel Watch works well in Cherwell, I would like to see it rolled out to West Oxfordshire and potentially beyond."



**ABOVE:** Debbie Whitford is pictured outside her B&B, the Avonlea Guest House OX71904

## InBRIEF

### Abuse case gets go-ahead

■ **SEVEN** people who were due to go on trial on Monday at Oxford Crown Court – accused of sexually abusing girls – had their case adjourned until today. Ahmed Hassan-Sule, 20, of Glyndebourne Gardens; Said Saleh, 20, of Orchard Way; Mohamed Saleh, 21, of Orchard Way; Takudzwa Hova, 21, of Broughton Road; Kagiso Manase, 20, of Warwick Road, and Alexandru Nae, 19, of Broome Way, all deny a range of sexual offences. They were charged alongside a 17-year-old who cannot be named for legal reasons. Their trial was delayed because two barristers were unable to attend due to illnesses.

### Case delayed

■ **A MAN** accused of inflicting grievous bodily harm has had his case adjourned until the end of the month. Thomas McLaughlin, of Prescott Close, Banbury, did not attend a plea hearing on Friday at Oxford Crown Court. He is alleged to have assaulted Jack Jackson on May 5 this year and is now due to appear at the court on January 20 next year.

## Take That pop singer marries his long-time girlfriend in Banbury

TAKE That star Howard Donald married his long-term girlfriend Katie Halil at 17th Century House Aynhoe Park, near Banbury.

According to the *Daily Mirror*, the 46-year-old pop star, pictured below, was joined by bandmates Gary Barlow, Mark Owen and former Take That member Jason Orange for the wedding last Friday.

A spokesman for the band confirmed that Mr Donald got married in a "private ceremony".

A spokesman from Aynhoe Park said: "We don't discuss events unless the client has asked us to do so. They have not."



The Cartright Hotel, opposite the 250-acre country house estate, also refused to comment on whether they had guests from the wedding.

Aynhoe Park previously played host to the much-publicised celebrity wedding of Jade Jagger and DJ Adrian Fillery in 2012.

Jade's father, Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger, attended the wedding in a bright purple-striped suit.

Katie Halil met illustrator Mr Donald in 2008 while Take That were recording a Christmas advert for Marks & Spencer and began dating in 2010.

Since then the couple have kept a relatively low profile.

Mrs Halil previously worked on advertisement campaigns for Virgin Atlantic, Virgin Media and Coca-Cola before becoming a full-time illustrator.

Mr Donald is a father-of-two daughters from two other relationships.

His daughter, Grace, was born in 1999 and his youngest, Lola, was born in 2005.

## InCOURT

### Verdicts from magistrates' courts around the county

■ **DENISE KING**, 26, of no fixed address, admitted stealing four shirts and one pair of leggings worth £60 from Matalan in Lower Cherwell Street, Banbury, on December 4, and perfume worth £74 from Debenhams in Castle Quay, Banbury, on October 21. Also admitted failing to comply with the requirements of a suspended sentence made on September 8 by Oxford Magistrates' Court. Given an 11-week prison sentence because of his repeated dishonesty and breaches of a suspended sentence. Told to pay an £80 victims' surcharge and £74 compensation.

■ **CHRISTOPHER KNOWLES**, 38, of no fixed address, admitted stealing an iPad Mini and a wallet containing £80 and bank cards. Given a nine-week prison sentence because of his repeated dishonesty and criminal record. Also told to pay £100 compensation and an £80 victims' surcharge.

■ **MCKINLEY RICHARDS**, 20, of Church Street, Barford St Michael, admitted two counts of assaulting police constables in the execution of their duty in Keytes Close, Adderbury, on July 23. Community order made with 60-hour unpaid work requirement and told to pay £50 compensation, a £60 victims' surcharge and £250 costs.

■ **DANIEL CLARK**, 34, of Nizewell Head, Steeple Aston, admitted breaching a non-molestation order by trying to contact a person he was banned from contacting in Upper Heyford on October 16. Given a six-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months. Also told to pay an £80 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.



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**InBRIEF****Session puts the spotlight on care**

AN EVENT showing how the voluntary sector can support the health and social care needs of working-age people will be held.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire hosts the session on Wednesday, January 21, from 10am-12.30pm at Cassington Village Hall, The Green.

To book a place, contact Aimee Evans at aimee.evans@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk or 01865 520520 by Friday, January 18.



**LEFT:** Flashback to October, when the Ardley waste incinerator was still under construction

■ Plant will divert 95% of waste from landfill

# New incinerator now at full burn

**WORK on the £200m waste incinerator plant in Ardley has now finished.**

The facility is expected to process 300,000 tonnes of residential waste every year – enough to power 38,000 homes, according to Viridor, the waste firm managing the site.

Construction received in June last year before exporting electricity for the first time to the National Grid a month later.

Now the site is fully operational, Viridor predicts the plant will divert about 95 per cent of Oxfordshire's

**By Naomi Herring**

residential waste away from landfill disposal.

Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for environment at Oxfordshire County Council, said: "I am delighted that the facility is completed and treating our waste."

"Oxfordshire is the best county council in the country at recycling and composting, and this new facility will generate electricity from the waste that is not recycled."

"Oxfordshire County Council places a great deal of importance in

using waste in an environmentally viable way."

Viridor regional manager Paul Rowland said: "Thanks to everyone's hard work and determination, our time spent without lost-time accidents has enabled us to put £18,000 back into the local community through donations to charitable projects and schools."

"All of this has only been possible with everyone working together in partnership, and it's a proud moment for us all as we start full operations of a world-class facility for Oxfordshire."

## Development blueprint in its final stage

**A FINAL decision on whether to approve plans for thousands of new homes in North Oxfordshire will be announced in the spring.**

**Cherwell District Council's local plan outlines sites for 22,800 homes and 235.4 hectares for employment from 2011 to 2031.**

It has been considered by the Planning Inspectorate's Nigel Payne, who took evidence from councils and groups such as English Nature.

If approved, the 76,000-page document will be effective in spring.

The council hopes that by setting out where major development will go, it will have stronger legal reasons to refuse plans for land not in the local plan.

Cherwell's lead member for planning Cllr Michael Gibbard, pictured, said: "It has taken 10 years, numerous officers and thousands of man hours to get the submitted local plan to this stage, but we are finally on the home straight."



## Staff thanked for tidying up garden

STAFF at a landscape firm gave a festive boost to care home residents by sprucing up their garden.

Employees of Topiarus Horticulture in Chipping Norton tidied up the garden at the town's Henry Cornish Care Centre before Christmas.

They also did work last May to get it ready for residents to use in the summer.

Luciano Thomas, family liaison co-ordinator at the Orders of St John Care Trust, which owns the care home, said: "They were extremely polite and hard-working."

"At this time of year it isn't easy to make a garden look much but ours certainly looks better."

Henry Cornish Care Centre, in Rockhill Farm Court, is registered for 36 residents and provides residential and respite care for older people.

Its landscaped grounds have features specially designed for older people, including different areas of seating, raised planters and flower beds, as well as a summer house for shade.

Care centre manager Natalya James added: "I would like to extend a huge thank you to the team for coming to us to tidy up the garden."

"The garden was looking very sad and their efforts have cheered it up beautifully for all the residents to enjoy."

## Drink-drive crackdown

FIFTY-FOUR people in Oxfordshire were arrested in a drink-driving crackdown.

Throughout December, Thames Valley Police carried out its "Is it worth the risk?" campaign, which aims to stop

people driving under the influence of drink or drugs over the festive period.

Police said 29 people were charged, with 15 released on police bail and 10 released without charge.



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■ Fundraiser involves range of cheeky poses

# Farmers return to nature for a naked calendar

**A TEAM of farmers and friends have stripped off for a good cause this winter.**

The 2015 Farmers calendar sees a group of men from Broughton Grounds Farm in North Newington, and the surrounding villages, going about their daily business – only in the buff.

The working farm is raising money so it can increase the number of visits it hosts from care home residents and children of Frank Wise special school in Banbury.

Farmer James Taylor, 35, whose family has worked at Broughton Grounds since 1914, organised the cheeky fundraiser.

He said: "I work with my father Andrew Taylor on the farm where we do farm visits for a local day

**By Naomi Herring**

care centre and local care homes. "We want to expand the visits for more groups and make the farm more accessible. I tried to get some of the older guys on the farm to take part in the calendar but got rather blunt answers.

"It ended up just being whoever was up for it and a lot of the guys from the local cricket club joined in for a good cause."

The boys posed for everyday farming shots in an array of risky scenarios, such as horse-riding, apple-picking and sheep-shearing.

Proceeds will go towards a new path to improve accessibility for wheelchair users

and elderly visitors. The calendar is hoping to raise £2,000. Any extra proceeds will be donated to Katharine House Hospice in Adderbury.

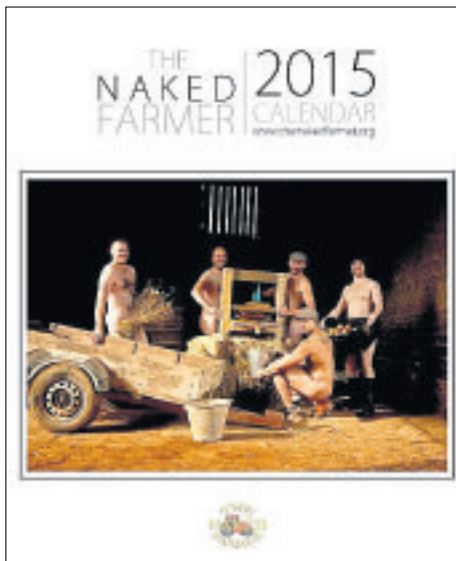
Mr Taylor, who before working on the farm worked with the charity LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming), added: "It was good fun. Luckily it was not too cold for the photos.

"We are all good mates so it was all a bit of a laugh. Everyone has been very encouraging and impressed we had the guts to do it."

Copies can be bought online via the website [thenakedfarmer.co.uk](http://thenakedfarmer.co.uk) For more information on visits to the farm, visit [broughtongrounds.co.uk/farmvisits](http://broughtongrounds.co.uk/farmvisits)



Sean Bannister, 31, posed as Mr January, left, and Arran Arogundade, 26, peeled off for July, above, for the farmers' charity calendar



## InBRIEF

### Get trained to save a life

■ ST JOHN Ambulance is holding community first aid courses across the county.

The 'learn to save a life' course is aimed at anyone over the age of 12 and includes training for emergency situations such as choking, bleeding or for somebody who has stopped breathing.

Courses, costing £30, last for three hours and will be held at the St John House in Kidlington, Cherwell Business Village in Banbury. For course dates and times go to [sja.org.uk](http://sja.org.uk) or call 0303 003 0101.

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**InBRIEF****Fine display of tulips**

AN EXHIBITION of 27 photographs of tulips opened recently at the Owen Mumford Gallery at The Theatre in Chipping Norton.

Cotswold artist Terry Cripps photographed the tulips close-up in natural light for the show called *Neo Tulipae*.

The Owen Mumford Gallery is open during performances and films at The Theatre and on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am-3pm until January 20.

■ Group will record number of reptiles and amphibians

# Wildlife fans asked to help carry out survey

By Banbury reporter

REPTILE and amphibian sightings in Oxfordshire are being sought for a new county atlas.

Oxfordshire Amphibian and Reptile Group (OxARG) wants to produce the new herpetological guide.

It will be the first published since Oxfordshire Biological Records Centre published *Atlas for Reptiles and Amphibians* by J Coldrey and JM Campbell in 1983.

Rod D'Ayala, of OxARG, said: "Reptiles and amphibians are generally under-recorded."

"We know some species are still common and widespread, like the common frog, while others are genuinely rare, like the adder."

"Probably all species are not as common as they used to be, and in this respect reptiles and amphibians are no different from

many other species in the county.

"It has always been the intention of OxARG to update information, and 31 years after the first atlas it is time for a second."

He said all sightings of creatures would be useful, whether from nature reserves or gardens.

He added: "For sites where we have records we would welcome updates to confirm that species are still present or are no longer present. Negative records are just as valuable as positive records."

Sightings can be sent to Mr Rod D'Ayala, New Herp Atlas, 70 Newlands Avenue, Didcot, OX11 8QB or emailed to tverc@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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## Residents urged to recycle more waste

ABOUT a quarter of household waste going to landfill in North Oxfordshire could be recycled, council bosses have said.

A Cherwell District Council manager said about 57 per cent of waste is recycled in a year but this figure could potentially be as high as 80 per cent if residents were more eco-conscious.

Head of environmental services Ed Potter said residents are putting too much rubbish in their green bins for general waste, with an estimated 12,000 tonnes going to landfill a year that could be recycled. This includes 1,000 tonnes of glass, 4,000 tonnes of 'dry' recyclables and 7,000 tonnes of food waste. In a report to the council's

executive, Mr Potter said: "The challenge over the next few years is to develop and implement successful strategies to divert as much as possible of this 12,000 tonnes into the food waste bins, the dry recycling bins and bring banks [for glass]."

"If half this waste could be diverted then the cost of the service could be reduced by a further £180,000 a year."

"Persuading those residents who are still reluctant to recycle much and encouraging residents to recycle even more of their waste will be difficult."

Mr Potter said that through communication to residents, it should be possible to boost the recycling rate beyond 60 per cent over the next three years.



■ Project supports patients so they can remain in their home

# Scheme to reduce A&E pressures 'under-used'

**A SERVICE that could cut the number of people going to accident and emergency is being under-used, it is claimed.**

The Oxfordshire County Council-funded reablement service – supporting patients to live in their own homes – is missing its target by 25 per cent, a council report said.

In it, the local authority's director of adult services, John Jackson, said that if more people being treated in the community were referred – especially by their GPs – to the scheme, it would help reduce emergency admissions to hospital.

Huge pressure on A&E has led to Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust struggling to hit waiting-time targets.

But Mr Jackson added if enough people did start using the service there still might not be the staff to accommodate them all.

He said: "Ensuring sufficient staff to deliver the care would be a challenge with the high level of employment in Oxfordshire and the known workforce challenges in the health and social care sector".

The report also said in other areas

**By Joe Nimmo**

the service had met its targets, and 100 per cent of patients surveyed said they were likely to recommend the service to friends and family.

The local authority awarded the reablement contract to Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust in 2011, which will run it until September next year.

In the 12 months to September 2014, 2,820 people received the service – 1,955 of whom had been in hospital and 865 were already being treated in their own homes.

The Department of Health's target is for a total of 3,750 to use the service and for half of those to come from hospitals and half from the community.

Oxfordshire MP Andrew Smith said the patient feedback on the reablement service is positive, but it was disappointing more people were not referred.

He said: "We need to know why hospitals and GPs are not referring the numbers expected, and to improve the take-up, because this is vital both for patients'

recovery and to cut the number of people in hospital or at A&E who don't need to be there."

In October last year it was reported that the reablement service is one of the ways the NHS hoped to eliminate bed-blocking in Oxfordshire within two years.

In June 2012 it was reported that the service had 47 staff vacancies out of 110 full and part-time jobs.

In the report Mr Jackson said: "Reablement is a short and intensive service, usually delivered in the home, which is

offered to people with disabilities and those who are frail or recovering from an illness or injury.

"The effectiveness of the reablement service is good – about 55 per cent of people going through the reablement service need no care at the end and of the rest some have reduced care needs."



**Oxfordshire MP Andrew Smith**

## Classes can help you get rid of the festive flab

DOZENS of fitness sessions are being launched across Cherwell to help people get fit and lose weight in the new year.

Classes include self-defence and martial arts at Taurus Gym, Kidlington; running and circuits at Bicester's Bure Park Primary School; boxfit at Banbury Boxing Club and pilates at Kirtlington Church.

George Reynolds, deputy leader for Cherwell District Council, said: "After overindulging over the festive period one of the most common New Year's resolutions at the beginning of January is to get fit and lose weight."

"We want to help people do just that and have set up a range of classes to suit the different needs, goals and abilities of individuals."

"Not everyone who wants to get fit wants to go the gym, so these classes will provide people with an alternative solution, allowing them to exercise in a fun and friendly environment."

The classes are part of the council's Go Active initiative, which aims to create more sporting opportunities across the area, and are funded by Sport England.

The funding means some classes are free, while others are cut-price. The most expensive is £45 for six weeks of Pilates. Call Cherwell District Council recreation and health team on 01295 221806 for information.



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■ Our survey reveals small number of owners penalised for dog mess

# Few foulers are fined

**JUST one person has been taken to court and 14 others fined for dog fouling in Cherwell in the past three-and-a-half years, new figures show.**

A survey by the *Banbury Cake* found that across Oxfordshire, the total number of people receiving fixed penalty notices (FPNs) since April 2011 is only 84, bringing in a total of £4,025 in fines.

And just two people have been taken to court in the county during that time. Both prosecutions were successful and resulted in the local authorities receiving £200 court costs on each occasion.

Councils and dog walkers say the low number of fines demonstrate the difficulty in catching owners in the act but others argue more wardens need to be out on patrol. Handing out £50 fines for dog fouling is one of the responsibilities of street wardens.

Cherwell District Council – which has six wardens – took one owner to court in 2011/12 and also gave out 14 fines in the past three-and-a-half years, which have brought in £650.

Spokesman Tony Ecclestone said: "Cherwell is keen to hear from members of the public who see dog

**By Oliver Evans**

fouling offences and are prepared to act as witnesses in any action that the council may take."

Dog owners are legally responsible for cleaning up after their pet and face fines or costs of up to £1,000 at court.

Being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a way of cleaning it up is not a reasonable excuse.

Five people have received a £50 fine from West Oxfordshire District Council – which has nine street wardens – since April 2011.

Spokeswoman Sara Long said: "Our officers carry out regular patrols to act

as a deterrent, and sometimes approach dog walkers to ensure they pick up after their dog and raise awareness of the importance of doing this."

Eynsham Youth FC under-11s manager and dog owner Robbie Watson said football clubs all over the county have problems with dog mess.

He said: "I'm not surprised only 84 people have been fined, because you don't see dog wardens about, so people think they can get away with it."

Oxford City Council has fined 52 people since April 2011, including nine last year, with a total of £2,245 collected, and took one person to court in 2012/13.

Spokesman Chofamba Sithole said eight wardens "regularly patrol and issue FPNs" of £80 and the public can report fouling. He said: "If we attend a site we are highly visible and that in itself is a deterrent."

Vale of White Horse District Council has seven staff to give out £50 fines.

A total 13 have been given since 2011, speaking it £500.

A spokesman said: "When complaints about dog fouling are received, where possible officers patrol the affected area and give advice to dog walkers. We also provide warning signs to encourage picking up."



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LEFT: Gareth Nichols, children's ward matron Zoe Butler, Cindie Gilkes and Michelle Wiggins

## Staff's gifts cheer up sick youngsters

TSB Bank has donated Christmas presents for children at the Horton General Hospital as part of a company scheme. The Chipping Norton and Banbury branches gave £200 worth of presents. The branches chose to donate to the children's ward at the

Banbury hospital as many staff have had children treated at the hospital at some point. Gareth Nichols, manager of the TSB's Banbury branch, whose two children have been treated at the Horton, said: "We were delighted to be able to donate some toys this

Christmas to the children's ward in Banbury. Horton Hospital has helped friends and family of the Partners at our branches and it was lovely to be repay this in some way." Donations included Cluedo, Hello Kitty puzzles, teddy bears and Mr Potato Head.

## Council consults over its spending plans

# Last chance for say on big cuts

OXFORDSHIRE residents have until tomorrow (Friday) to give their views on the county council's budget for the coming year.

On December 8, the authority unveiled plans for further cuts of £20m to services over the next four years – on top of £64m savings previously announced in 2013.

Proposals included axing an extra £9.2m from adult social care and another £3m from services for children and families, including the

### By Banbury reporter

council's early intervention service. That is on top of cuts announced in 2013 of £7.1m to adult social care and £6m to children's services, which is separate from children's social care.

A public consultation on the proposals is open until 11.59pm tomorrow.

When the cuts were announced, Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth said the large-scale

cuts were required partly because it could not raise council tax without a referendum.

He added: "We have a legal responsibility to provide this care and we willingly provide it.

"However, the rising cost regrettably means other services valued by the majority of residents, such as roads and public transport, are being squeezed."

The council will meet to vote on the proposals next month.

Email ask@oxfordshire.gov.uk to comment on the plans.

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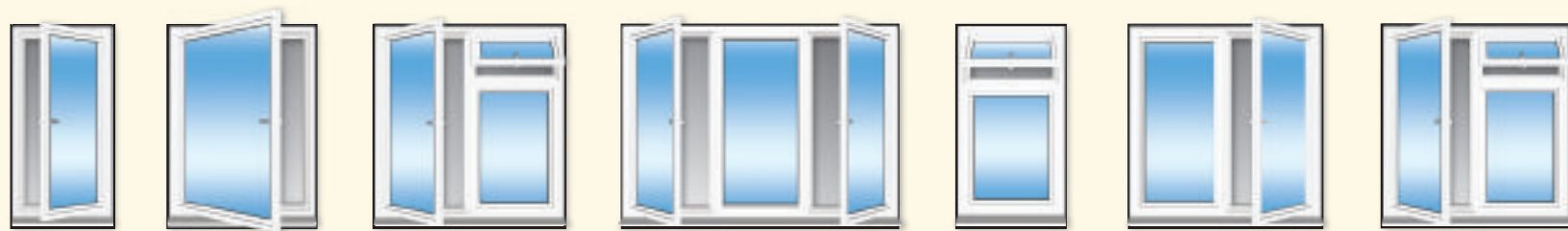


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## Henry's happy to play Mother



LEFT: Luanna Priestman, as Fairy, JJ Henry as Mother Goose and Martyn Dempsey as Smog

**W**hen JJ Henry went into Boots to ask for some more eyeliner, the assistant looked vaguely alarmed, but then dressing up as a dame twice a day takes its toll on any decent woman's vanity case.

This year looks set to be no different, and JJ must have done something right, having been asked back again to play the dame in the Chipping Norton Theatre's annual panto, this time taking on the title role in *Mother Goose*.

Luckily, multi-tasking is JJ's forte and in last year's panto Jack and The Giant, he had to contend with being a milkmaid, playing the guitar, ukulele and harmonica, wearing two different bras, a succession of dresses, singing, dancing and wearing heels and false eyelashes, this year is even more ambitious.

Magic tricks galore, a dress that lights up like something in My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding, an endless succession of rejuvenation cream, lots of new songs to learn, the bongos to play, and yodelling to teach, means JJ has his work cut out. "At least I'm not actually a goose, so I have to count my blessings," he says, laughing.

"Instead I run a goosery for abandoned geese and have an adopted daughter called Heidi... but just the one bra. It's all going on."

He is raring to go and delighted to have been asked back as the dame at Chipping Norton Theatre, considering last year was the 28-year-old's first time there.

"Chippy is such a special theatre and we have a brand new panto with brand new songs to deliver.

"I even have a love duet to perform – a sort of Whitney Houston, Lionel Ritchie-style

### JJ Henry talks to Katherine MacAlister about playing title role Mother Goose in the Chipping Norton Theatre panto

number," he says, grinning. With 91 shows during the run of Mother Goose, though, he has needed his wits about him.

"The audience keeps us going. When it's a 10am matinee on a cold January morning, they have an energy all of their own, and we feed off that. It's brilliant," he says.

Does being brought up on a farm near Brighton help with the farmyard theme?

"Yes, I think it was my father's proudest moment last year watching his son on stage milking a fake cow while wearing a dress," he says laughing, "Especially as he's a dairy farmer."

As a professional magician, JJ also has lots of tricks up his sleeve for the show. Specialising in close-up

magic rather than stage illusions, he says he's "more moody David Blaine than happy Paul Daniels," before adding: "so you'll need to keep your wits about you".

As for the cons, JJ is hard pushed to think of any. "Shaving," he says finally. "My skin doesn't suit shaving every day, so I cut myself to pieces and still have a 5 o'clock shadow at 9am."

"Wearing high heels all day is a doddle in comparison," he adds, "so by the end of last year's panto I was skipping about in them."

A natural dame then, it would seem.

● *Mother Goose*, at The Theatre, Chipping Norton, runs until Sunday.

For tickets, call 01608 642350 or visit [chippingnortontheatre.com](http://chippingnortontheatre.com)



ABOVE: Dominic Hodson, as Sven; JJ Henry, as Mother Goose, and Emelia Williams, as Freda

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# Performance puts Keaton back on top of the roost

**BIRDMAN** (15, 119 mins)  
Comedy/Drama/Romance. Michael Keaton, Emma Stone, Edward Norton, Naomi Watts, Zach Galifianakis, Andrea Riseborough, Amy Ryan, Lindsay Duncan.  
Director: Alejandro G Inarritu.

According to Konstantin Stanislavski and Lee Strasberg, two founding fathers of method acting, the best performers possess the rare ability to channel deeply personal recollections and emotions through their characters.

These actors don't just play a role as written, they share every breath and straining sinew with their alter ego.

In *Birdman*, Michael Keaton inhabits the role of a middle-aged Hollywood star whose glory days as a big screen superhero are long behind him.

It's the role of a lifetime for Keaton, nodding and winking to his two stints behind Batman's cowl under director Tim Burton in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Art and real life playfully blur in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's technically dazzling comedy, which was shot on location in New York.

In one of the film's bravura hand-held sequences, Keaton strides purposefully through crowded, neon-lit Times Square in just his underpants as tourists clamour with their mobile devices.

Literally and figuratively, he bares his soul.

Inarritu and cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki, who deservedly won an Oscar for sci-fi thriller

Gravity, meticulously splice together each interlude to resemble a single, unbroken 119-minute shot.

If you look closely, you can see the joins but, as a feat of split-second timing, balletic choreography and directorial brio, *Birdman* is jaw-dropping – right down to the moment the camera casually pans to a drummer on the street playing the same beats and rolls of Antonio Sanchez's improvised jazz score.

Riggan Thomson (Keaton) rose to fame playing a superhero called Birdman in three blockbuster films.

Twenty years later, he masterminds a comeback with nervy producer Jake (Zach Galifianakis) by directing, writing and starring in a Broadway production of Raymond Carver's short story *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love*.

As opening night approaches and revered critics including Tabitha Dickinson (Lindsay Duncan) prepare to deliver their waspish verdict, petty squabbles between Riggan and his cast – popular Broadway star Mike Shiner (Edward Norton), leading lady Lesley (Naomi Watts) and current squeeze Laura (Andrea Riseborough) – threaten to derail the vanity project.

The leading man struggles to keep personal demons at bay, exacerbated by fractious exchanges with his spirited daughter Sam (Emma Stone).

Accompanied by a rambling voiceover from Riggan that reflects the character's mental unravelling, *Birdman* is a wickedly funny satire of a world of overinflated egos and barely concealed vices.



A scene from *Birdman*, picturing Michael Keaton.

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Performances are uniformly excellent, from Keaton's career-revitalising turn to Stone's fearless portrayal of a recovering drug addict and Norton's hilarious embodiment of an artist who believes that "popularity is just the sluttier little cousin of prestige".

Peppered with affectionate verbal barbs aimed at Hollywood's current glitterati, Inarritu's picture is crammed to bursting with self-referential treats that demand a second and third viewing.

*Birdman* is the post-Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

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### Music

#### FRIDAY:

**The Story Museum, Rochester House, 42 Pembroke Street, Oxford: ABC....Story!** Friendly drop-in sessions for babies and toddlers. Explore a different story every week. Each session includes a welcome, a story, a stay and play time and an activity – messy play, movement, or creative play (see [storymuseum.org.uk](http://storymuseum.org.uk) for the story and activity of the day). £2.50 per person. 10.30am. 01865 790050.

**The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford:** Open night at Oxford Folk Club. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

**Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney:** Witney Winter Concert featuring Manus Noble on guitar. An exhilarating programme of classical guitar music by Barrio, Albeniz, Piazzolla, and a number of other composers from countries ranging from Cuba to Japan! Manus is supported by the

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#### SATURDAY:

**Cowley Workers SC, Between Towns Road, Cowley:** Pete McCray, bringing you the best in soul and reggae. 8.30pm. 01865 772920.

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**Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock:** Saturday Night Dance. Dance to the music of Cuckoos Nest. £3 Members. £6 non-members. 8.30pm. 01993812094.

#### TUESDAY:

**Hanney War Memorial Hall, Brookside, East Hanney:** Wantage Male Voice Choir rehearsal. New members welcome. No requirement to be able to read music. 7.30pm. For information, call 01235 868440.

### Theatre

#### THURSDAY:

**North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade, Summertown, Oxford:** *The Wind in the Willows*. Until January 10, 7.30pm.

The North Wall Arts Centre has been transformed into the banks of the bubbling Thames, country inns and the open road as Kenneth Grahame's family classic is brought to life with music, fun and laughter. Toad hasn't been seen since the most recent of his escapades backfired, Badger doesn't react well to visitors in the winter and Ratty and Mole have tucked themselves away eating sardines and telling tales of sunnier days.

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## Injured F1 driver still unconscious

**FORMULA One driver Jules Bianchi is still unconscious after a crash in October, his family said.**

The 25-year-old Frenchman's car aquaplaned off the wet track while driving for the former Banbury-based team Marussia in the Japanese Grand Prix.

He crashed into the back of a tractor that had been towing away a stranded car and suffered a severe injury to his brain.

His parents, Philippe and Christine, said 2014 had been a difficult year for the family and that there had been little change in his condition.

In a statement they said: "It was

a significant and very comforting step for us to be able to bring Jules home to France [in November] to continue his rehabilitation surrounded by his family and friends.

"Since that time, Jules has received the very best treatment in the Intensive Care Unit of Le Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Nice (CHU) and now at the CHU's rehabilitation centre for this kind of trauma.

"Jules's neurological status remains unchanged. He is unconscious but able to breathe unaided. While there is no significant information to report,

we take a great deal of comfort from the fact that Jules continues to fight, as we knew he would, and this has enabled the medical professionals caring for him to commence the planned, but very painstaking, programme of rehabilitation."

They added: "We would like to acknowledge once again the overwhelming warmth and affection shown towards our son."

Marussia ceased trading in November after administrators were called in.

Items including show cars were auctioned off at its former factory in Overthorpe Road last month.



Jules Bianchi

## United get year off to solid start

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BANBURY United battled their way to a valuable point at home to high-flying Redditch United.

The Puritans, bottom of the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division, suffered a blow before kick-off in the New Year's Day fixture when defender Luke Cray was taken ill. He was replaced in the starting line-up by Darius Browne.

Despite this setback, Banbury had the better chances in the first half, with Tom Ryan heading a Jacob Walcott corner over the bar and Carl Tappin shooting just wide.

Redditch's Ashley Sammons had a glorious chance early in the second half, but sent his lob over both keeper Leigh Bedwell and the bar.

Bedwell then denied Sammons from close range, while George Carline, Leigh Phillips and Kyle Turner also had chances to win it for Redditch.

**Banbury Utd:** Bedwell, Browne (Meade 56), M Martin, Westbrook, Tappin, Ryan, Green, Hartigan, Howards, Walcott, Whitehead.

**Subs not used:** Cray, D Martin, Strafford, White.

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● BANBURY United's game at Poole Town in the Premier Division on Saturday was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

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### ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

The stars help you to work out where you've been going wrong in life and to decide what you really want from the situation which has taken over your existence lately. New friends help put the light and laughter back into your days, and one in particular could turn out to mean much more to your future than you realise. Ring now to hear why it's worth replying to texts you've ignored.

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### LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Jealousy is strong in your chart, but the reasons for your feelings may not be as valid as you at first think, so try to slow down and delay any impulsive reactions until you have all the facts at your fingertips. You're thinking more of someone from your past as you try to work out what you want and where you see yourself in the future. Ring now to hear why Friday is a day of revelations.

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### TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

You finally discover new ways to get on with difficult work contacts which should make your working week more enjoyable than it's been for weeks or even months. Don't be afraid to invest more time with the family member who's proved hard to handle. This is the week you can make a breakthrough. Ring now for more on this extraordinary week.

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### SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Use the stars on Tuesday to make sense of all that's occurred recently. You are so much stronger than you think and, if you look back, you'll see that your reaction to events has proved this. News of someone you admired makes you realise you can afford to aim high and that you're more able than you previously thought. Dream big Scorpio. Life is waiting. Ring now to reveal all.

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### GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Money may be hard to come by this week, so you must avoid the temptation to spend funds you know you may need at a later date. Playing it safe can enable you to take advantage of a most exciting personal opportunity by Friday. Your ruling planet Mercury sees you making a useful contact far away who can change your plans for the summer. Ring now for more details.

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### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

This is one week where it really is worth listening to what those around you say. Close ones don't feel they need to be obvious, they believe you already know what needs to be done. Not paying attention could make all the difference to how big a part they play in your future! Give me a ring now to hear why many of you will be going solo with your career in 2015.

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### CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Mixing of the past and present is strong this week and you seem to be able to achieve what you couldn't over the Christmas period with those close to you. A financial matter you've been ignoring can and should be faced up to on Thursday when those with the power are ready, willing and able to help you sort things out to both your advantage. Ring now for an important message from Uranus.

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### CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Take life one day at a time this week, or you will miss out on seeing how far out of the world close ones have gone to impress you. A slower pace to your life is predicted which gives you the chance to fine tune the way you day to day life goes and how much you do or don't take on. Give me a call now to hear why it's worth checking your passport is in date this month.

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### LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Someone you have only ever viewed as a threat to your career, you will now see as an asset. You will be forced to help each other over the coming days. News of a pregnancy or birth helps you put a certain situation into perspective. You start to think outside the box where your own situation is concerned and good ideas are born. Ring now to make the most of life and love.

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Jan 20-Feb 18

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Aug 23-Sep 22

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Feb 19-Mar 20

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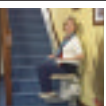
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## 8 PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public Notices

#### Department for Transport

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
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IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable development as permitted by Cherwell District Council, under reference 14/01555/F.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND RELEVANT PLAN will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA in the 28 days commencing on 08 January 2015, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State (quoting NATTRAN/SE/S247/1659) at the address stated below.

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Denise Hoggins  
Department for Transport

#### Department for Transport

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby gives notice of an Order made under Section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping up of Highway (South East) (No.61) Order 2014" authorising the stopping up of a southern part width of Chapel Lane comprising highway verge at Little Bourton, in the District of Cherwell to enable development as permitted by Cherwell District Council under reference 14/01238/F.

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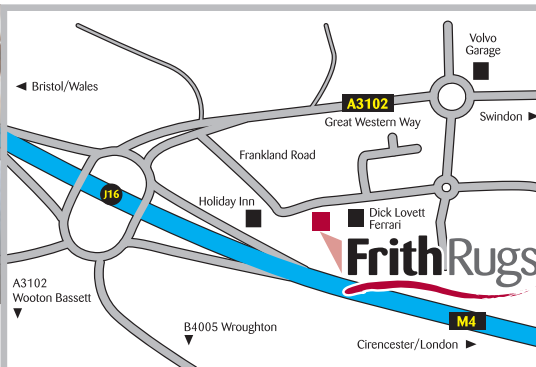
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